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| Applicant(s):    | Turner <i>et al.</i>  | Group Art Unit: 1646          |
| Application No.: | 09/658,283  | Examiner: J. F. Murphy        |
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| Title:           | Novel Human 7TM Proteins and<br>Polynucleotides Encoding the Same | Atty. Docket No. LEX-0041-USA |

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED DECEMBER 26, 2002**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Arlington, VA 22202

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The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Final Office Action ("the Action") mailed on December 26, 2002 (Paper No. 12), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 12 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including April 26, 2003 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. As April 26, 2003 falls on a Saturday, the response time is extended until Monday, April 28, 2003. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.